

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
ASHEVILLE DIVISION  
CIVIL CASE NO. 1:19-cv-00260-MR**

<b>S. SHANE SMITH,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Plaintiff,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>vs.</b>	)	<b><u>ORDER</u></b>
	)	
<b>JUSTIN LYTLE,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Defendant.</b>	)	
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**THIS MATTER** is before the Court *sua sponte*.

On August 9, 2021, the Court denied the Defendant's motion for summary judgment, and referred this matter for a judicial settlement conference. [Doc. 47]. The parties were granted 14 days to file written objections if they do not wish to participate in a judicial settlement conference. [Id.]. The parties have not objected and the time to do so has expired.

The Court, therefore, will order this matter referred to a United States Magistrate Judge for these proceedings.


**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that this matter is hereby referred to a United States Magistrate Judge for the purpose of conducting a Judicial

Settlement Conference. The Magistrate Judge will issue further orders regarding the conduct of the Judicial Settlement Conference.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this matter will be set for trial as soon as practicable should the matter not settle.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Signed: September 6, 2021

  
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Martin Reidinger  
Chief United States District Judge

